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State Parks Announces \$2.5 Million in Recreational Trails Grants

SACRAMENTO – California Department of Parks and Recreation Director Ruth Coleman today announced recommendations for \$2.5 million in funding for eight non-motorized trail projects under the Recreational Trails Program.

The federally-funded program provides money to the 50 states and to the District of Columbia. In California, 70 percent of the funds are required to be allocated to non-motorized trail projects and 30 percent to motorized projects.

For non-motorized trail projects, Recreational Trails Program funds will be used for the development and rehabilitation of trails, trailside and trailhead facilities or the acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors.

In late 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 2520 into law, which enabled federal agencies to participate as eligible applicants, as well, effective January 1, 2007. The program requires a 12 percent match. Prior to January 1, 2007, only cities, counties, state agencies, and non profit organizations with management responsibilities over public lands were eligible to apply.

Under the provisions of state law, the program is administered by the Director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Funds for the Recreational Trails Program come from the Federal Highway Trust Fund, and represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from non highway recreational fuel use: fuel used for off-highway recreation by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-highway light trucks. The program, which is administered nationally by the Federal Highway Administration, became effective in 1993 and has been extended through September 2009.

This is the list of projects that have been recommended for funding:

Castle Crags State Park - Vista Point Overlook California State Parks \$126,720 California State Parks will construct approximately 1,350 linear feet of accessible trail from the Vista Point parking area to the Vista Point Overlook in Castle Crags State Park and rehabilitate the overlook and improve the parking area.



- Coyote Creek Bikeway City of La Habra \$472,560
 The City of La Habra will construct approximately .6 miles of trail.
- De Anza Historic Core Linkage City of Oakland, Public Works \$792,000 The City of Oakland, Public Works will develop an ADA accessible trail from Coolidge Ave. to Peralta Hacienda Historic Park and through the historic core of the park.
- Fairview Triangle Habitat Restoration City of Santa Ana \$132,000
 The City of Santa Ana will develop an approximately 20,250 square foot portion alongside the Santa Ana River Trail into a trailside rest area to include landscaping and irrigation system, grading, concrete paving, seating, bicycle racks, a drinking fountain and interpretive signage.
- Humbug-Willow Creek Trail Final Gap Closure City of Folsom \$259,000 The City of Folsom will construct approximately 2,500 linear feet of trail along Willow Creek to include a bridge, bench and kiosk.
- Ninos Parkway Trail, Phase III City of Sacramento \$200,000 The City of Sacramento will construct approximately 3,500 linear feet of trail with a par course, benches, trash receptacles, signage, landscaping and irrigation.
- Oso Creek Trail Comprehensive Sign Program City of Mission Viejo \$285,120 The City of Mission Viejo will develop trailhead kiosks and signs along approximately 5.5 miles of trail.
- Sycamore Canyon Park Trail Phase IV City of Diamond Bar \$304,920 The City of Diamond Bar will develop a project to include a decomposed granite trail, a par course, benches, trash receptacles and interpretive signs.